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SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £2,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED UP £251,093.15-0

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Wm. Keswick, Esq., Chairman.
Adolf von André, Esq., F. D. Sassoon, Esq.,
Egbert Iveson, Esq., H. D. Stewart, Esq.,
David McLean, Esq.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE:
The Hon. J. J. Keswick, The Hon. C. P. Chater,
H. Hopkiss, Esq.

Head Office—3, Princes Street, London.
Branches—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and
Shanghai.
Agents—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
AND Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained
on application.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [199]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,186,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., Chow Tung Shang, Esq.,
Chan Kit Shan, Esq., Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,
H. Stokeloh, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and
Amoy.

BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
" 6 " " " 4 " "
" 3 " " " 3 " "

CURRENT ACCOUNTS " " "
Hongkong, 24th May, 1893. [18]

Insurances.

AN ENDOWMENT
POLICY FOR £500.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANT-
AGES of this form of Assurance, the
following may be mentioned:—

- (a)—It secures an immediate Provision
for wife and family or other rela-
tives in event of early death.
 - (b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.
 - (c)—It supplies an excellent Investment
for the regular accumulation of
small fixed sums of money.
 - (d)—The Surrender and loan values are
larger than under ordinary Policies.
2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN
THREE YEARS IN FORCE—
should the Policy-holder wish to dis-
continue future payments, he will
be entitled to receive on application,
a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a
proportionate amount of the Sum
Assured, as explained in the Pros-
pectus.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.
Hongkong, 7th July, 1893. [147]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Underigned are prepared to accept
FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Office.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 1st November, 1892. [415]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TARIFFS 600,000, £435,333-13-6
EQUAL TO £318,000-0-0
RESERVE FUND

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
L. S. SING, Esq., LO YU MOON, Esq.,
LOO TAO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, etc., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of
the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRINCE STREET,
HONGKONG, 17th December, 1892. [180]

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TRADE
MARKS of the MAN LOONG (龍牌)
GINGER and other SWEETMEATS, have
been registered in this Colony pursuant to
Ordinance No. 16 of 1892.

Head Office—HONGKONG, CANTON, HONGKONG
Office—No. 375, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

LEUNG YU SANG, Manager,
WONG HOI CHOW,
Hongkong, 11th May, 1893. [157]

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY
HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS of the Company, will be held at the
Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings,
Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the
28th instant, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose
of receiving a Report of the Directors, together
with a Statement of Account, declaring a
Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 15th to 26th instant,
inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th July, 1893. [1784]

SELAMA TIN MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the
SELAMA TIN MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S
Office, on MONDAY, the 31st day of July,
1893, at NOON, when the following Resolutions
which were passed at the Extraordinary General
Meeting of the Company held on the 13th July,
1893, will be submitted for Confirmation as
Special Resolutions:—

- 1st.—That the Company be Wound Up Volun-
tarily under the provisions of the Companies
Ordinance 1864 to 1890.
- 2nd.—That Mr. William Hutton Potts be, and
he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the
purpose of winding up the Company, and
that his remuneration as such Liquidator
be the sum of \$1,250, and that Messrs.
J. Orange, C. C. Inchbald, D. Gillies, W.
H. Ray, and C. P. Chater, or any three of
them be, and they are hereby appointed an
Advisory Committee to assist the Liquidator
by their advice in the winding up of the
Company.

Dated Hongkong, 15th July, 1893.
By Order,
W. HUTTON POTTS,
Secretary.

TO THOSE WHO
VALUE THEIR SIGHT.

NOTICE.

MR. N. LAZARUS,
OPHTHALMIC OPTICIAN.

By appointment to
H. H. THE MARQUIS OF DUFFERIN,
EX-VICE-ROY OF INDIA,
&c., &c., &c.

Is now here
And, previous to establishing
A LOCAL AGENCY
May be consulted for
SPECTACLES

at the
HONGKONG HOTEL
for a few days only.

The system of Sight-testing (patent 4,354),
invented by him is now being universally
adopted, and Mr. LAZARUS specially invites
the Medical Profession and all interested in
OPTICAL SCIENCE to see this Beautiful Test
and the latest improvements in
LENSES and FRAMES.

As prescribed by Ophthalmic Surgeons.
Hongkong, 15th July, 1893. [1791]

J. W. KEW & CO'S
STEAM WATER BOATS.

PURE FRESH WATER.

THE attention of SHIPWOMEN, AGENTS and
CAPTAINS is called to the Superior Quality
of TITAM FILTERED WATER offered by
J. W. KEW & Co., also, to the advantages
derived from their being able to supply their
Water in one-fourth the time occupied by the
old fashioned and obsolete hand pumps.
No impeding the loading or discharging of
Cargo.

Quickest despatch with lowest possible rates.
J. W. KEW & Co.,
c/o Carmichael & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 13th June, 1893. [1684]

KING WO CHEONG.

COAL MERCHANTS, SHIP'S COMPRE-
DORES, STEVEDORES, &c.

Have for Sale a cargo of pure AKAIKI COAL,
ex GODOWN and ex SHIP.

MR. J. W. BOYD, Superintendent at
Kowloon Docks, reports that AKAIKI
COAL GIVES TEN PER CENT. BETTER
RESULTS than any Japanese Coal he has ever
used.

For full particulars as to price, &c.,
Apply to
KING WO CHEONG,
No. 35, PRINCE STREET,
HONGKONG, 2nd February, 1893. [187]

THE MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY.

THE MIKE COAL is a
BITUMINOUS COAL
of dark reddish colour. For steam purposes
it has been pronounced to be the best and the
most economical of all the Japanese Coals. Its
output is increasing yearly, and the opinion
expressed by several of the largest regular
customers is in testimony of the excellent
quality of this coal.

Attention is called to the following advantages
to Ship Owners and Captains who coal their
ships at MIKE COAL:
FRESHNESS of the coal.
UNIFORMITY of quality.
FREEDOM from impurities.
Supply in any quantity on shortest notice.
Quick despatch.
BEST of weights, etc., etc.

MITSUBI BUREAU RAISHIA,
Sole Agents,
Singapore, 1st September, 1892. [1490]

Intimations.

CENTRAL HOTEL,
SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the
centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with
the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites
and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated
to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.
The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1893.
An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

JUST LANDED

PIONEER BRAND TOBACCO, 1 lb. Tins.
SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES.

DAISY CIGARETTES.
WILLS' THREE CASTLES, BRISTOL BIRD'S EYE, and GOLDEN
FLAKE HONEY DEW TOBACCOS.

WILLS' THREE CASTLES CIGARETTES, in hermetically sealed tins
containing 50 each.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 3rd July, 1893. [17]

W. POWELL & CO.

EX S.S. "GLENGYLE"

LATEST SPECIALITIES IN

FASHIONABLE MILLINERY.

TRIMMED AND UNTRIMMED HATS IN IMMENSE VARIETY.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 3rd July, 1893. [16]

THE

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Krcmln"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East.
Affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping
Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.
THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the *cuisine* being
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communication.
The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the "Lobby" and public
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.
A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour
adjacent the Hotel, and is under the same management.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.
HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.
R. TUCKER,
Manager.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1892. [168]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING AND HOSIERY.
SUMMER UNDERWEAR, SHIRTS AND COLLARS.

NEW SCARFS AND TIES.

RAIN COATS and CHAIR APRONS.

UMBRELLAS, LEGGINGS, RUBBER BOOTS.

HATS.

TENNIS SHIRTS, TENNIS SCARFS, TENNIS SHOES, TENNIS BATS,
TENNIS BALLS, TENNIS NETS.

BATHING DRAWERS, BATHING DRESSES, SPONGES, TOWELS, BATH SUNDRIES!

Hongkong, 5th July, 1893. [167]

W. BREWER.

NEW STOCK ARTISTS' MATERIALS.

New Stock Ladies' Shoes.
Tennis Bats; Balls; Nets, &c.
Hand-painted Photo-Frames.
Photo Albums.
Photo Screens.
New French Novels.

BOOKS OF TRAVELS.

New Music, 5 pieces by St.
Bach, 12 pieces by Chopin, 12 pieces by Liszt,
Cossiga and Volpaga, Hunting and Driving,
Billiards by Cook,
Essays on Naval Defence,
Bessy's Royal Academy.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 12th July, 1893. [169]

Intimations.

AMOY PILOTAGE SERVICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that a VACANCY
exists in the HARBOUR PILOTAGE
SERVICE of this Port, and that in accordance
with General Regulation IV. an EXAMINA-
TION OF CANDIDATES will be held by the
Board of Appointment in the HARBOUR MAS-
ters Office on TUESDAY, the 25th July, at
10 A.M.

R. TRANNACK,
Harbour Master.

Approved:
JAMES W. CARRALL,
Acting Commissioner of Customs.
Customs House,
Harbour Master's Office,
Amoy, 17th July, 1893. [810]

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION,
No. 51.

I have handed over Charge of the KOWLOON
CUSTOM HOUSE and STATIONS to
Mr. H. ELGAR HOBSON, who has been
appointed Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon
and District.

J. McLEAVY BROWN,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs.

I have Assumed Charge of the KOWLOON
CUSTOM HOUSE and STATIONS.
H. ELGAR HOBSON,
Commissioner of Customs
for Kowloon & District.

Custom House,
Kowloon, 17th July, 1893. [809]

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from the
Colony, Mr. WILLIAM BENDER
MACLEAN, who holds my Power of Attorney,
will conduct the business of *The Hongkong
Telegraph*.

R. FRASER-SMITH,
Editor and Proprietor.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1893.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

AFTER this date NO FULLY PAID-UP
SHARES of this Company will be
TRANSFERRED on which the Calls on the
NEW SHARES standing in the same Name
remain Unpaid.

By Order,
R. LYALL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [1444]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SUMMER CHARGES.

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER,
\$75 PER MONTH
for BOARD and LODGING in ROOMS facing
Peddar Street or to the Eastward.

FURNISHED ROOMS without Board
\$45 PER MONTH.

Apply to Manager and/or Secretary.
HONGKONG HOTEL.
Hongkong, 10th May, 1893. [1587]

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS,
(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street.)

THE Underigned has always thought that
such a place as this was the one thing
needed to fit in between HOTEL LIFE and the
PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE—providing it be
First-class in every detail. A place where one
may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK
at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M.; or later
if notice be given. He is also prepared to
SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES
per MENU or ORDER—the Parties sending
Dishes, &c., for same—and Cash. Scale on
application.

Monthly Board for One Person...\$35.00
Tiffin\$15.00
AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always
on hand and served in every Style.

Breakfast\$0.50
Tiffin\$0.75
Dinner\$1.00
SPECIAL TIFFINS and DINNERS served
in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS,
Proprietor.
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893. [1528]

NOTICE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED or UN-
FURNISHED ROOMS with TABLE
ACCOMMODATION.

Apply to
Mrs. MOONEY,
22, Cairns Road.
Hongkong, 15th July, 1893. [806]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED or UN-
FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board and
Table Accommodation.

Apply to
Mrs. MATHER,
2, Pedder's Hill.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1893. [136]

D. R. KNORR'S
LION BRAND
ANTI-PYRENE.

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 35 GRAINS TROY.)

It is the most approved and most efficacious
remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MI-
GRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM,
FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE,
ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and
many other complaints. It is also the very
best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by the
Medical Faculty. Ask for Dr. KNORR'S
ANTI-PYRENE. Each Tin bears the inventor's
signature "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.

"DERMATOL" is the best Vaseline; its
effect in stimulating the closing up of Wounds,
is described as amazing.

To be had at every reputable Chemist and
Druggist.

Supplies constantly on hand at the China
Export, Import, and Bank Co.—Sole Agents for
China.

Beware of spurious imitations.
Hongkong, 18th April, 1893. [140]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING,"
Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 19th instant,
at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th July, 1893. [797]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN,"
Captain Goddard, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 19th instant,
at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFLAIRE & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 18th July, 1893. [807]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON, HAMBURG AND
ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"PEMBROKESHIRE,"
Captain Gedy, will be despatched as above on
or about the 28th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th July, 1893. [1646]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAVRE AND LONDON.

THE Steamship

"SPONDILUS,"
Captain —, will be despatched for the above
Ports on or about the 15th August.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 24th June, 1893. [731]

Consignees.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship
"CITY OF PEKING."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo, are hereby requested to send in their
Bills of Lading for counter signature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from along-
side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 17th July, 1893. [1]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON
AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed
that all goods are being landed at their
risk, into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at
Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves
detailed cargo will be forwarded to the
consignees. Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice
to the contrary be given before 2 P.M. TO-
DAY.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 21st inst. will be subject to
rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Underigned on or before the 21st
instant, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, damaged, and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 21st inst. at 2 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Intimations.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

AERATED WATERS.

WATER.—The Water used is absolutely pure.

STEAM PLANT.—Of the latest and most powerful type.

SUPERVISION.—The whole process of manufacture is under the continuous supervision of a qualified English Chemist.

THE PRODUCT.—Will bear comparison with the Waters made by the most noted makers in England.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LD.,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. [3]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED
WATERS.

OUR NEW FACTORY has been recently refitted with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English makers:

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

"BOMBAY SODAS."
We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, *Free of Extra Charge*, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

COAST PORT ORDERS,
whenever practicable, are despatched by first
steamer leaving after receipt of order.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and

Counterfoil Order Books supplied free on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is
"DISPENSARY, HONGKONG."
And all signed messages addressed thus w

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:—

PURE AERATED WATER
SODA WATER
LEMONADE
POTASH WATER
SELTZER WATER
LITHIA WATER

SARSAPARILLA WATER
TONIC WATER
LEMON SQUASH
GINGER ALE
RASPBERRYADE
GINGERADE

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty greasy, or that appear to have been used for a other purpose than that of containing Acra Waters, as such Bottles are never used again.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED
The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong

BIRTH.
At 20, Fochow Road, on 9th instant,
wife of H. Da F. HUTCHISON, of a son.

Suddenly, on the 8th July, near Hainan, on the Peiho River, JOHN D. LIZAT, 2nd Engineer, China Merchants' S. N. Co.'s steamer

The Sanchez Museum

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JULY 18, 1893.

TELEGRAMS.

KING "BILLY" CONQUERS AFTER A
LONDON, July 17
The Reichstag has passed the Army Bill,

FRANCE AND SIAM.
The French Minister at Bangkok has

instructed to protest against the action of
Siamese in firing upon French gunboats;
action being a violation of the treaty of 185
[Reuter is simply rising to the occasion in m

direct, as to the affair at Paknam; then, or two later, Reuter re-told the story, from an entirely different aspect on it; then Ad-

Romann, at Saigon, being informed of Renter's account, gives him the lie direct; and Renter himself comes out with a new original version.—Ed., *H.K. Telegraph*.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE German gunboat *Jitsu* left Shanghai for Nagasaki on the 8th inst.

THE U.S.S. *Marlon* arrived at Shanghai
Hankow on Saturday week, last.

GENERAL, Mrs. and Miss Digby Barker re-
to Hongkong last evening from Japan.

THE foreign ships-of-war at Hankow are 1
British, two Russian, *Konstantin*, and the

THE band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry will play the following programme at the O

Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening
 commencing at 8 o'clock:—

Overture.....	"L'Italiana in Algeri".....	Re
Glee	"The Chough & Crow".....	Di

Selection.....	"Orie"
Yale.....	"Love's Golden Dream"
Selection.....	"Olivette"
Yale.....	"Century Romance"

A MAN who paints the town never uses water-colours.

A TRUISM that should strike home to at least half-a-dozen of Hongkong's bustled-up magnates:—Amblition is a balloon which carries no parachute.

THE steamer *Standerin*, which arrived here on the 13th inst., from New York, via San Canal, has been selected by the marshal of the Colonial Court of Admiralty, in some suit originating, we believe, in England.

At the Magistracy to-day, before Capt. Hastings, four coolies were fined \$6 each, or three weeks' imprisonment, for creating a disturbance in the Kowloon theatre last night, on account of some favourite sector not turning up to fulfil his engagement.

THE French transport *Colombo*, 1,931 tons, commanded by Capt. Lequeute, arrived at Singapore on the 10th from Ceylon and left on the following day for Tongking. She carries 90 military passengers including 23 officers besides a crew of 82.

A WUHU despatch to a Shanghai paper reports the arrival of the heads of the Koloa Hui Chieftain Hsien-mou and K'uang Sheng-ming, at that port on the 6th inst. on their progress through the various river ports. The heads were sadly decomposed when exposed to view from their sealed caskets.

Berlin Belt.—How von dot de members of de English Club hold der roses in de air ven de kum near de bay?

Old Snak.—What? Haven't you heard of the license incident?

Berlin Belt.—Mein Gott! Koolie! Chair! Der English Club, chopp chop!

A RUNNER from one of the Sam-sul-poo gambling houses, with a Chinese constable who is the owner of the gambling-house, came to the court yesterday to sue a trader at Shanghai and tried to enforce payment of an alleged gambling debt of \$50. A fight ensued, with the result that the man from Sam-sul-poo was fined \$20 and the constable was sent to gaol for four months by the magistrate to-day.

THE N. C. Daily News learns from Nanking that rumours are current on the street to the effect that a certain high official on his way to the Lotus Lake a few days ago met the ghost of the former Minister of Foreign Affairs, who died a few months since at Yankchow. The ghost is reported to have upbraided the mandarin for the execution of so many members of the Koloa Hui and to have threatened him with a like violent death in the near future.

SAYS THE N. C. Daily News of the 15th inst.: The American buxquinette *Moda*, after passing round, arrived at Wusung on Friday, Feb. 15, at 10.30. She was accompanied by two anchors down off the Wusung Lighthouse. In the evening the wind having moderated, she hoisted up anchor and found the anchor gone. Shortly after midnight, she hove in the other cable and found the second anchor also gone. She was then under tow of the *Kaitung*. This almost equals Mark Twain's description of the landing of America of his celebrated prozeutor.

THE N. C. Daily News learns from Tientsin that the Customs' Taoist, Sheng Hsün-han, has put into force another scheme for the benefit of the poor under his jurisdiction. This is the buying of 800 jinrickshaws which are hired out to poor young men at the rate of three cents a day. The men who regularly pay this sum for the use of a 360 daws h'ing presented, free of other expense, with the jinrickshaws with which they have been touting for hire. As the jinrickshaws charge no toll for the use of the jinrickshaw, it is a case of a vehicle, it is needless to say, that Sheng is again very popular with the poor, if less so with the well-to-do.

A NORTHERN contemporary translates the following from a native paper:—Chinese we have no knowledge of international politics. Inclined to think and say that our government purposely disgraced by foreigners when a missionary is demanded from us whenever a missionary is killed or his house burnt down by a mob. The news that the United States government have demanded an indemnity from the Spanish Government and the punishment of murderers of an American missionary who suffered in one of the Caroline Islands some time ought to satisfy our readers that crime must be punished and indemnity made the world over. No one can murder a missionary or foreigners with impunity nor burn down his property nor have to suffer eventually for the same. Religious affairs are always considered of high importance by the various nations of the West, and nations have been known to go to war, amongst themselves, on such matters!

ACCORDING to reports the high authorities Shanghai have discovered by means of spies another secret society having the same aims as the Woioan Hui, the name of which is classic one from the hexagonal symbol of the ancient *Shing Pa Kua*. The name by which this new revolutionary society shows its own existence to members of the *Hui*, which has also been proved by the arrest of one of its alleged leaders, a father and son, both whom claimed before the Provincial Judge Soochow the other day, that their profession was that of village pedagogue. Of course, as usual says, the N. C. Daily News, the implication against the two unlicky men was denied them, but, again as usual, the application of tortures was being aspersed from a cross-bow or kneeling on red-hot cinders eventually caused them to "confess." A few more names also been elicited from the two men supposed to be connected with this society, through persuasive means at the disposal of the darlings, and warrants have been issued for their arrest.

WRITING under date 17th inst. the Nankin correspondent of our Shanghai morning paper says:—The foreign residents of Nanking have been greatly stirred by the news of the murder at Sumpung and the hairrowing details of the murder of Messrs. Wilkholm and Johanson. An indignation meeting was held this evening at the residence of the Rev. Leslie Stevens, there was a very free and a very vigorous expression of opinion, condemning the negligence of the Chinese officials in carrying out the Shanghai tardiness in punishing chief offenders in former outrages. A committee was appointed to draft, approximately, resolutions which are to be submitted at another meeting to be held to-morrow night. It is proposed to forward resolutions to the diplomatic body at Peking and it is hoped that similar action will be taken by every foreign community in China. It is time to act. It is not a bloodthirsty vengeance we are asking for, but a dignified and just. Governments are demanded to carry out things for the protection of life and property. The Chinese government is properly organized and has a fair code of laws. These outrages are in flagrant violation of its own laws. That the laws can be executed has been abundantly proved by the stern administration of justice in the recent Koloa Hui. In the interests of humanity and for the security of foreign life in China we demand the prompt execution of the law and of justice.

THE meteorological report for to-day notifies:—"10.25 a.m. Typhoon near southern Formosa. Barometer falling."

THE Attorney-General of Hongkong is an erp in public-house rows; he says the "when the proprietor takes off his coat, then it is time to go!"

THE sum of 300,000 francs is to be expended on the new French Consular buildings in Shanghai; but their completion is as indefinite as is the millennium.

Beside Belt—Vy tah it dot der members of de Hongkong Club room and last on der neighbors for a drink now.

Old Sock—The bar is a little too "high" for them, just now.

FRANCISCA DA LUZ, living in Bridges Street, was ordered by the magistrate to-day to pay \$31 compensation on account of her dog having bitten the infant son of Virginia Baptists, living in Square Street, last Friday.

WE learn that the Formosa authorities have decided upon making a comprehensive survey of the island and having a new map drawn according to the present division of the island into prefectures, departments, and districts.

A LARGELY attended meeting was held at the British Consulate, Hankow, on the 7th inst. and a resolution was passed asking the Consulate to demand of the Tantai that the bodies of the murdered Swedish missionaries be produced to Hankow for interment.

"FINANCE" addresses us in rather a mysterious manner and counsels us to keep our weather eyes in trim, for says he "There will be an upheaval here in a few days that will excite all wondrous that have gone before." This is all very well, but we would prefer our correspondent to be either definite in his information, or close up entirely. Half measures are worse than none.

THE N. C. Daily News states that the head of the ex-Captain and Kolao Hui "Eider," Wang Sung-tung, decapitated on the 4th of June last at Nankong, the "Yung-ping" Chinkiang in its progress along the Yangtze ports on the 25th of the month under the charge of a petty official, and that he would prefer our correspondent to be either definite in his information, or close up entirely. Half measures are worse than none.

STEAMERS coming from the North report having experienced heavy weather. The steamship *Fat-ching, Taonan* and *Fooking* ran for shelter and anchored for thirty-six hours under Tai-sai Island. The *Yung-ping* also brought up anchor at Elliot Island for shelter from a heavy easterly gale at 10 a.m. on the 10th, with the barometer standing at 29.40; but proceeded on her course on the following day when the wind had moderated.

IT was in the Hongkong Club. The lights were dimly burning. A few bleary-eyed members were loitering helplessly around. Two angels enter. Semi-sobered member "Boy! Help! Help!—They are coming for me!" Courtier and Portly man appears upon the scene. "Ladies! You have mistaken the No. 1 Angels in chorus." "Mistaken? don't fret! I make cistials here!" "C. and P. M. No. 1 Flossie get the Angels." "All serene, but we'll turn the tap off first." And they did!

"If the American girl," says Miss Lotta, "wants to keep her temper, to keep quiet, particularly the musics of her family to be clean, to temperate, to have some steady work to do with all her might and strength, and if she is true to herself she won't get tired and she won't wear out before her time. She should not make the mistake of using too much sarcasm. That weapon is an undeniable protection—so is a gun or a pistol—but angels are uncommon, and it is only when an insult is received that sarcasm should be used. I have no respect for the girl who is unkind or uncivil while I have great admiration for health, temperate, restful people."

FURTHER confirmation of the news published in the N. C. Daily News on the 16th of June is that the capture by Talahian pirates of Captain Li of the Chinese gunboat *Ywanak*, and which was reproduced by us ten days ago, is to have through information obtained from a relative of the ill-fated captain. The ferocious pirate carried Captain Pei with them up to their stronghold and cut out his heart to sacrifice to the manes of the dead. The man who was captured by the pirates during his cruise after them in years past. The ill-fated captain was a popular and well-known officer and possessed many warm and personal friends among the old captains in the employ of the three great steamship companies.

SUPREME COURT.
IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.
(Before Chief Justice Fielding Clark.)
July 18th.

THE HAHN CASE.

F. A. C. Hahn, who has been committed for trial on a charge of fraudulently disposing of pianos forming part of the security under bill of sale for \$2,500 held by Captain Hahn, was brought up and discharged, the Attorney General having entered a *nolle prosequi*.

"DRUNK AND DISORDERLY."

James McCann, second mate of the British barque *Nicolas*, was charged with assaulting John Nabel, seaman of the same vessel, Queen's Road West, on June 26th last.

The 11 Howerig jury was impaneled:—
C. Kintz, R. T. Wright, J. M. Gomez, J. H. Meyer, J. Maitland, M. E. dos Kennel and E. J. Egan.

The evidence showed that a number of sail had been ashore, visiting various public-houses and had got to fighting. Nabel had his brother by the prisoner, and had to go to hospital.

Prisoner was unanimously convicted by jury, and sentence was reserved.

FORGERY.

Wong Au was charged with forgery of a H. & S. bank note at Yau-mei on 6th inst. The same jury as before continued to sit.

Mr. E. Robinson, barrister-at-law, defended the prisoner, who was unanimously acquitted by the jury.

SENTENCE.

James McCann, convicted as stated, was sentenced to nine months imprisonment.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before Mr. E. J. Achary, Police Judge.)

FIRE INSURANCE.

The *Yat-Go* (South-western) Steam Navigation Fire Office (Hutchinson & Co.) \$150,000 on a policy for \$100,000 destroyed in the Mei Lai on 1st inst. last.

Mr. H. J. Gudgeon (Johnson, Stokes and McEwen) for the plaintiffs, and Mr. C. Ewen (defendants).

The case was adjourned at 5 p.m. 18-MAY-1907.

Sounds like the hard-boiled of a novelette, doesn't it? But it's not No. 5 is simply the registered number of a boor of a "bebbie" in the Hongkong Police Force who, lacking the grip and the k'n of his legitimate duties, must be taught them. Last evening a couple of friends strolled down to witness the military display on the parade ground and quietly chatting arrived there fully fifteen minutes before even the bandmen had assembled, and being absolutely unaware of any restriction regarding conditions took seats on the railing close to Mr. Schmidt's premises. They were hardly seated when up loomed Policeman No. 5, who with all the offensiveness of cast-iron impertinence barked out some beer-stained ungrammatical order to the effect that the parties were to "clear out of that." One of the twain debated momentarily whether he would resent the insolence of P.C. No. 5 or pursue the more dignified course of taking the man's number with the view of reporting him to His Excellency. Taken on the whole, the man was a boor on the universe that can boast a more nervous or more capable police force than can Hongkong; the men are uniformly courteous and obliging and it is but fair to the better classes in the force that the unnecessarily insolent conduct of No. 5 last evening should be made public. We admire a man who fearlessly does his duty, but all attempts at coarse bullying must be nipped in the bud.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Appended is a full report of the principal speeches made in the Legislative Council yesterday, on the question of spending \$50,000 to build another Peak residence for the Governor.

Mr. E. R. Belliles.—I have much pleasure your Excellency, in proposing the following resolution:—"That the Secretary of State be requested by telegraph to come to an early decision on the question of an expenditure of \$50,000 for the erection of a residence at the Peak for His Excellency the Governor." With your permission, sir, I wish to make a few remarks on the motion, though as the Council has already decided in favour of the expenditure, the necessity for a suitable residence for the Governor at the Peak by voting the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose, it is unnecessary for me now to go into the question at length. Nevertheless as there seems to be some division of opinion as to the desirability of sanctioning the proposed outlay at the present moment, I think it proper to give my reasons for the course I have adopted. Hongkong is not singular in providing hill quarters for its Governor: India maintains handsome mountain residences for her Governors; the Netherlands Indies afford a sanitarium at Java, mountains for the Governors of that great Colony; and in several other Colonies summer seats are maintained for the use of the Governor. In Hongkong it is a matter of both prudence and policy to do so, not only in the interests of the Governor's health but also because he is therefore less likely to take frequent leaves of absence to spend in England or Japan. Only those, however, who have lived at the Peak for an entire summer can fully appreciate the importance of a Peak residence for the Governor, for they alone can judge the difference it makes in rendering the tropics both endurable and even pleasant by ensuring cool and refreshing slumber every night. Having conceded this, the next point is whether it is desirable that the Governor should continue to occupy a rented house which is inadequate for his wants, unsuited for purposes of entertainment and which is generally speaking inferior to several private residences. I maintain that the Queen's representative should not permanently reside in a rented house, but in a house of his own, and a space sufficiently large to admit of his holding social functions on a proper scale. The question of renting or buying one of the existing houses at the Peak for a Governor's residence was, I know, gone into very carefully by Sir William Des Vaux, and after examining all those on offer and considering the possible sites, he decided that a new house ought to be built on the site of Mountain Lodge. The site is the most elevated, commands the finest view, enjoys the most bracing air, and owing to its situation cannot be overgrown. The grounds are so extensive that with a little extra cutting down here and filling in there a plateau can be formed as large as, if not larger than, that which Government House stands, and which would not only furnish space for a handsome and commodious residence but would leave room for several tennis courts, besides ground for gardens. The proposed house would be roomy and adapted for the entertainment of any distinguished guests who may be passing through this Colony. If the Governor, for the above-mentioned reasons, thinks the plan of the building is ample to inspection I have since carefully examined them, and find that the house is very properly designed to meet all the requirements of a gubernatorial summer residence. It will contain the usual reception rooms and eight bed rooms. The structure is to be of red brick, the woodwork of teak, and iron beams will be used to ensure strength and durability. Servants' quarters of a sufficient scale are also provided. In short, it will be thoroughly suited for the purpose. The Government has already decided to build it, and I know there is a difference of \$20,000 between sum originally voted for the purpose and estimate of the cost of the proposed building. Now I admit that that is a considerable sum itself, but subtracted from the large revenue this Colony it is a mere trifle, and it would pay to take exception to it. There is a point where economy ceases to be a virtue and degenerates into parsimony. I believe that by haggling over the matter we will nullify the object of the kind. The rent of the house at present occupied by the Governor is \$2,000 per annum; but 3½ per cent interest on \$50,000 would only yield \$2,100 a year. If a trust money can be employed in this city for business purposes at 7 and 8 per cent. annum, but to this Government it is only worth 3½ because they borrowed at that in the past; can borrow at the same figure in future. Moreover, if this Colony had lakhs of dollars at its disposal, it could employ the same money to build the local Bazar in the habit of doing. The Government must rest content with a 2 per cent. credited to their current account; their bankers. For these reasons and on the grounds, balancing rent against interest—we could tell the Governor that we are in strained circumstances, we cannot afford the colony therefore will not pay rent for a house you are now occupying in the hill district.—I do not see how any money can be saved by economy in the decision of the Government to build a new house at the Peak. I need not go to the question of upkeep as I believe the Government undertakes all repairs needed at "Crabburn." As you are aware the erection of a Mountain Lodge was deferred on account of a vote of \$40,000 being found insufficient for the purpose. Now this, in my opinion, is necessary work can be carried out, I find, without excessive delay and at a small cost. I am sure that the Government will find it in the table the budget estimate for the current year showing surplus revenue over expenditure of a handsome sum of money. I understand that notwithstanding the fall in exchange expectation will be partially if not wholly realized. In that case we can fully afford to contribute from the revenue of this Colony a sum

000 for the erection of a new Government
 House at the Peak. That this house will have to
 be built sooner or later, there can be no least
 doubt. I contend that the longer time it takes
 to be built, the greater the expense it incurs.
 The present trade is dull and the work could
 be done more cheaply, more efficiently, and
 more thoroughly than in time of boom. More-
 over, the materials of Mounia Lodge could be
 utilised to some extent, whereas if left exposed
 to damp and rot much longer they will become
 worthless. As the building would take, I under-
 stand, some eighteen months to construct I
 think no further time should be lost, and under
 all the circumstances I am of opinion that it
 would be consider it right and decent to try and
 get the Council to vote unanimously for the
 resolution.
 The Colonial Secretary.—Sir, the hon. member
 has asked me to second his motion and I have
 much pleasure in doing so in order to give the
 opportunity for it to be discussed. It would
 certainly be out of order if the hon. member had
 not obtained your Excellency's previous per-
 mission to move it, but the necessary permission
 having been given with a view to elicit the
 opinion of the unofficial members, I am of
 opinion the motion is now properly before the
 Council. It is not a Government question
 and your Excellency does not wish it to be
 understood that you take any personal interest
 in it. A residence at the Peak for the Governor
 during the hot summer months is an absolute
 necessity. The house which is at present hired
 for the purpose is in many ways most suitable
 and for the purposes of entertaining and
 accommodating distinguished guests. The
 question is whether it is proper that the Colony should
 provide some suitable residence for the Governor
 at cost of \$50,000. On that question I understand
 your Excellency desires to offer no opinion, but
 perhaps it may be permitted to me to observe
 that the house at present occupied is not one
 which colonies of smaller dimensions than Hong-
 kong would be content to provide as a residence
 for the Queen's representative. I would suggest
 to the hon. member that, with the leave of the
 Council, he should alter the form of his motion
 so that it should be to the effect that an expendi-
 ture of \$60,000 for the erection of a residence at the
 Peak for His Excellency the Governor is desir-
 able when funds to meet it are conveniently
 available." My reason is this. The estimated
 revenue for the current year shows a surplus of
 only some \$7,000 over the estimated expenditure
 exclusive of items which are chargeable against
 the loan. We have already agreed to a supple-
 mentary expenditure of some \$39,000 for public
 works extraordinary which would be charged
 against the current revenue, and of a sum of
 \$10,000 for the completion of the public
 institute; or say \$42,000 in all. The hope
 which I expressed in moving the Supply Bill
 that my estimate of revenue would be exceeded
 bids fair, I am glad to say, to be realised. But
 in view of the supplementary expenditure
 which I have just referred to and of the serious
 fall in the value of the dollar I am not prepared
 to say that we have a certain prospect of
 surplus sufficient to justify the Secretary of State
 in immediately sanctioning the telegraphic
 application to expend a sum of \$60,000.
 The hon. member will admit that the object
 of the motion is in all views will practically
 be attained, for if the unofficial members, or the
 majority of them, agreed to the motion as it
 altered I have very little doubt that the Secretary
 of State will allow the proposed expenditure
 to be incurred whenever there may be funds avail-
 able to meet it.
 Mr. C. P. Chater.—Sir, before commenting
 on the hon. gentleman's motion I may say that
 it was my hope that he would second it
 immediately and refrain from bringing
 forward. When he first introduced the subject
 was obliged to point out to your Excellency
 that the hon. member was quite out of order in
 bringing forward a resolution without having
 given due notice, and I do not even now know
 that he is not infringing the rules of debate
 the standing orders in bringing forward the
 motion, as I understood that unofficial members
 are not in a position to propose expenditure. A
 however, the Government has accepted the hon.
 member's motion, and I think the suggestion
 has probably conformed to the letter of the
 law and I therefore will not insist on that point.
 Now, sir, with regard to the proposition I
 namely that a telegram be forwarded to the
 Secretary of State asking him—or rather as it
 worded in the resolution "requesting" him—to
 commit this colony to the expenditure of no less
 a sum than \$50,000 on the building of a house
 at the Peak, which is to be occupied as a
 residence for three or four months in the year,
 sir, I fully opposed to such course before.
 In his speech. He has gone into figures and
 has tried to prove that it is more economical
 that it is more advantageous for the Government
 to build a Peak residence for the Governor to
 rent or purchase a house. I should have
 thought that the hon. member, of all people
 would have been fully aware of the disadvantages
 of building at the Peak—of the enormous
 depreciation which notoriously takes place in the
 value of properties in the higher altitudes almost
 immediately on completion. I do not know
 the decision of the Post to-day which
 is worth anything like its original cost. I would
 go further and say that I believe there are many
 houses which would not fetch a half of their
 original cost. Moreover, the constant a
 serious repairs which are always necessary
 buildings in those regions almost entirely absorb
 the rentals received. Such, sir, I am sorry
 say is my own experience and I cannot think
 that my friend can have got the revenue
 out of the motion. I think it is the hon. mem-
 ber who proposes this expenditure. I remem-
 ber that he has always been the foremost
 preaching economy, and was indeed, if
 I mistake not, the first to advocate that
 official salaries should be cut down. The
 gentleman has now adopted quite a different
 attitude. Before the Retrenchment Commis-
 sion—for whose appointment he was as respon-
 sible as any of us—has had time to com-
 mit the hon. gentleman proposes that he should
 \$50,000 on the building of a house at the
 residence at the Peak. The cause for this
 decision I cannot understand, in fact it
 is a perfect puzzle. As I said before I am
 much rather the hon. gentleman had not brow-
 forward this proposition, but as he has done
 I feel it my duty not only to record my vote quite
 against the motion but also to express
 strong views against this very heavy expendi-
 ture and the method by which he proposes to
 finance it. I have just listened with great
 interest to the hon. Colonial Secretary and from
 remarks I learn—or at least I inferred—that
 the vote is passed in its altered form it is
 the intention of the Government to spend a
 large sum of money immediately but when it
 is available, and then only. But, sir, that is
 the point. The objection that I have is to
 committing the colony to this expenditure. O
 that vote is approved of by the Secretary
 of State and passed by this Council the colony
 committed to this expenditure. I think it
 would be better, after the Council is committed
 to the sooner the money is spent the better.
 But I say that this is not a time for voting
 the expenditure of so large a sum of money
 building for the Governor at the Peak. I think
 the vote has not yet arrived. I think we
 still weeks ahead. It was only this morning
 in looking over the *Daily Press* I observed
 the slump revenue is considerably less than

the same half of the previous year. I also see that this tremendous fall in exchange is going directly or indirectly to hurt us in some way or another. I am sure that the Secretary has told me this in spite of the fact that his opinion is not shared fairly correctly. I hope so sincerely but there are other rocks ahead of us. I do not know at the present moment whether the loan money has been brought out to Hongkong. If it has been brought out then there is a direct loss of 8 or 10 per cent. But, however, is a matter to be seen to hereafter. Then there is another doubt. This same exchange question has created a material fall in the rupee rate between India and Hongkong, which means a rise in the value of the rupee. This is a very important matter to the Opium Farmer, and a loss to the Opium Farmer means that when his contract is over, he will ask for a considerable reduction. There, sir, as I have said, are rocks ahead, and while we have them in view, in my opinion, it is indistinct to pledge ourselves to go into new expenses.

The Governor.—Having the honour to occupy the position I do I think that I ought to be permitted to say a few words on this subject and I can do so, speaking from a perfectly independent standpoint, because even if the colony does desire to build a new residence at Mountain Lodge, and it were commenced as early as Christmas, it is not likely, as Mr. Bellios estimates that the building would be completed very much before the termination of my tenure of office, a period which I may say I am not looking forward to with unalloyed satisfaction. I quite agree, however, with the hon. member who moved this resolution that a residence at the Peak is desirable, now as it was 30 years ago and I can certainly from a personal experience fully confirm what Mr. Bellios has said as to the effect that Craigiburn has already inadequate not only for entertainment but for ordinary household and domestic accommodation. For the staff of servants, boys and coolies, of which at Craigiburn there are 40, it is quite inadequate. Even on ordinary occasions the space is far too limited for entertaining and it is certainly quite impossible to put up Archdukes—(laughter)—foreign Admirals, and the numerous distinguished visitors who are constantly arriving in this colony with letters of introduction from the Secretary of State and other persons at home. I quite agree also with Mr. Bellios that as in India, Ceylon, Mauritius, and other Colonies, so in Hongkong I believe that in the future a great many residents will leave the lower levels during the summer and resort to the higher altitudes. When that takes place I hope that the value of property, to which Mr. Chater has referred rather luxuriously, will revive. I have not gone into this question as thoroughly as Mr. Bellios has, but in regard to the economy of the matter, I have been affected by the same meditative way—say within two years—but as it appears that the unofficial members are against any immediate expenditure and as certainly a question of this sort ought not to be made a Government question I would strongly advise the hon. member not to press his motion to a division, because if pressed to a division it might put my successors in a difficult position. When, at any time, he came to the Council and said that he required a house at the Peak the Council might say—"This is Mr. Williams' Robinson's time, and therefore we will refuse to reopen it."

Mr. T. H. Whitehead—Your Excellency, may I be permitted to add one or two words. I think that there is not the least doubt whatever that all of the unofficial members would vote for a reasonable sum of money being expended on suitable residence for your Excellency, or your successor, at the Peak. But the present, I think, is an inopportune time to resort to an expenditure of £150,000 for a residence, especially as the site at Mountain Lodge, Mountain Lodge is very much exposed, the most exposed situation at the Peak, and several of your predecessors have condemned the site repeatedly. I myself have had the very greatest difficulty in reaching Mountain Lodge. In the time of H.E. Sir William De Vaux of three or four different occasions—within two or three weeks at his dinner parties—consisting from 18 to 24—no one turned up, and once or twice only one or two guests were able to appear. The site at Mountain Lodge is in the middle of a very dangerous road, and the weather particularly so. The closing of the Indian mint, the free coinage of silver will hit this colony very hard in various directions, and there can be very little doubt, in regard to opium particularly, as trade with India and beyond, it may adversely affect our revenue at a very vast distance. I agree with most of the remarks of the hon. gentleman, unofficial member. It occurs to me that there is a very little doubt in regard to the desirability of having a Government House at the Peak, but I am not so sure that the Lower is not the most suitable site. The senior unofficial member says that it is a puzzle to him that Mr. Bellios should bring forward this motion, it is a puzzle to me, sir. It would be a very excellent thing for the hon. member if a new Government House was erected at Mountain Lodge; it would be a very good thing indeed for the hon. member and would enormously appreciate the value of adjoining property. If a motion came before the Council for a reasonable expenditure for residences at the Peak for the Governor and his family, I am prepared to maintain that if the site situation were central the unofficial members would vote for it. I certainly would.

The motion was carried by 7 to 2; neutral.

NAGASAKI NOTES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Nagasaki, July 10th, 1893.

The Pacific Mail Co.'s good ship, *City of Peking*, reached this interesting port to-day, to break this morning after a very pleasant and exceedingly torrid voyage. It was a smoky way run from start to finish, but most of it was from Hongkong to here the barometer cooled from 86° to 97° without a particle of cool for the luckless passengers and crew, we were simply gasping. In the stockhole the register reached 187.

An interesting feature of the trip was a drill yesterday afternoon, which was made up of a most thorough exhibition of the kind I have ever witnessed on board ship. Captain Smith, without giving any previous notice, gave the alarm in person and within one minute the officers and crew of the *City of Rio de Janeiro* had every fire-axe in operation and every bucket, axe and bar in hand ready for use.

At the second alarm, every life-belt was made ready for launching, fully-manned, equipped and provisioned and the passengers had been divided into groups by the officers and had made up their minds to the style of the place as well as the commercial activities. The ship was at Katsuba is significant in its business and "transit" steamers are growing ever more numerous. Our result has been a handsome development of coal traffic, and especially of that between Nagasaki and Takashima. The "Japs" clever workers in these fields. To-day they 3000 tons into the *City of Rio de Janeiro* in 1000 tons heavy, and the same number back

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